

A PRAYER FOR CLEANSING & RENEWAL

A disciple must have a conviction (a determination) to maintain a pure lifestyle before the Lord and a passion for the Kingdom (Revelation 2:1-7). To do this we must regularly come before the Lord for spiritual renewal in prayer.

Psalm 139:23-24 *Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

Find a time and a place to go by yourself and pray through each of the twelve areas below. These areas are not intended to condemn (Romans 8:1) but to guide us through an honest evaluation followed by cleansing from the Holy Spirit. **Confess each area of need** as God reveals with the willingness to make it right and to forsake it. Then **praise God for His cleansing** through the power of the Holy Spirit.

- 1. God's Word** *Psalm 119:97, 140*
 - Do I love to read and meditate on God's Word?
 - Do I apply what I read to everyday life?
- 2. The Holy Spirit** *Galatians 5:22-25; Ephesians 5:18-21*
 - Do I ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit each day?
 - Am I sensitive to the Spirit's voice and do I allow Him to lead me?
- 3. First Love** *Philippians 1:21-23; Revelation 2:4-5*
 - Is Jesus Christ still the most important Person in my life?
 - Does my schedule, spending, etc. reveal that God is first in every area of my life?
- 4. Prayer** *1 Timothy 2:1-2*
 - Am I faithful to a consistent life of prayer?
 - Is my prayer life filled with joy and intimacy with the Father?
- 5. Submission** *1 Samuel 15:22; Hebrews 13:17*
 - Do I truly obey God from the heart?
 - Do I genuinely obey human authorities that God has placed over my life?
- 6. Humility** *Psalm 51:17; Isaiah 57:15; Luke 14:7-11*
 - Am I quick to admit I am wrong?
 - Am I willing to take the "lower place"?
- 7. A pure heart** *Matthew 5:8; 2 Corinthians 7:10; 1 John 1:9*
 - Do I keep "short accounts" with God and do I search my heart for issues that displease Him?
 - Is repentance (a change of thinking accompanied with action) a part of my everyday life?
- 8. Moral purity** *Matthew 5:27-30; 2 Corinthians 10:3; Ephesians 5:3-5*
 - Do I aggressively keep my mind free from immoral thoughts?
 - Am I accountable to someone?
- 9. Priorities** *Matthew 6:33; Colossians 3:12-14*
 - Do I love what God loves and hate what He hates?
 - Do I seek to do His Will each day?
- 10. Finances** *Proverbs 19:17; Malachi 3:10-12*
 - Do I Tithe the first portion of my earnings to God?
 - Am I a generous person?
- 11. Forgiveness** *Acts 24:16; Colossians 3:12-14; Hebrews 12:14-15*
 - Am I willing to release offenses and be reconciled to God and the person with whom I am offended?
 - Do I stop slander and not allow a destructive spirit of unforgiveness to divide my church? Do I encourage reconciliation when that is possible?
- 12. A Witness** *Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8*
 - Do I have a burden for people who do not know Christ?
 - How am I reaching the lost with the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ?

Exercise — Pick one area that seems to be weakest and bring that to God asking Him to birth or rekindle that in your heart and in everyday life. Pray until it becomes real.